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E.O. 12065: XDS-1 9 AUGUST 1989 (CANNEY, PAUL F) OR -
TAGS: SHUM, PEPR, US, SW, UR
SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS US APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON WALLENBERG

REF: (A) STATE 189100, (B) STOCKHOLM 3082

1. (U) STOCKHOLM DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET REPORTED AUGUST 9 THAT US HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM SOVIETS VIA SOVIET EMBASSY WEDNESDAY ON FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG, BUT HAS YET TO RECEIVE REPLY FROM MOSCOW.

2. (C) MFA PRESS DIVISION CHIEF ERIC PIERRE CALLED CHARGE DURING EVENING OF AUGUST 8 TO MENTION PRESS INQUIRIES TO MFA RE US INITIATIVE. QUESTIONS WERE STIMULATED, ACCORDING TO PIERRE, BY ARTICLE IN NY TIMES OF AUGUST 4 (UNAVAILABLE YET TO EMBASSY) WHICH QUOTED " A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN" AS SAYING SECRETARY VANCE HAD INFORMED MRS. NINA LAGERGREN OF US REQUEST DURING VISIT OF LATTER TO WASHINGTON IN JULY.

3. (C) PIERRE RESPONDED TO PRESS QUESTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: GOS WAS AWARE OF US INITIATIVE AND WELCOMED IT: AND US SEEMS TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE -- SINCE IT IS ALREADY PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT WALLENBERG WENT TO BUDAPEST AT AMERICAN URGING AND WITH AMERICAN FINANCING.

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4. (C) PIERRE SAID HE REGRETTED APPARENT LEAK ON US APPROACH TO SOVIETS BUT ADDED THAT NY TIMES, NOT SWEDISH SOURCE, APPEARED TO BE RESPONSIBLE. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES THUS FAR ON SVENSKA DAGBLADET STORY. IF WE DO, AND UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, EMBASSY WOULD PLAN CONFIRM THAT APPROACH WAS MADE, WITHOUT PROVIDING DETAILS.
CARWEY

END OF MESSAGE